

## Frieda Martselos

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**From:** Robert Collinson  
**Sent:** February 10, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** Frieda Martselos  
**Cc:** Diane Thom; Robert Collinson; Rachel Marin  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT FW: BF 49087216 - Medical travel denial - SBV

ON BEHALF OF MINISTER DIANE THOM

Frieda,

Thank you for bringing this concern forward. While I recognize that this is a difficult time for Ms. Vogt, her request for an escort to accompany her for this procedure does not align with the Medical Travel – Escort policy. Under this policy non-medical escorts are approved if a patient requires assistance because of physical mobility or significant personal care needs or if language is a barrier to care and the patient requires someone to assist as an interpreter. It is important to point out that if the results of this procedure were to determine she has a life threatening illness, she would then be referred to Yellowknife or Edmonton for a follow-up appointment and Mrs. Vogt would qualify for a non-medical escort. This aligns with the following ministerial criteria that states *“the referring Health Care Provider indicates the Eligible Person, travelling for an initial diagnosis or an initial appointment for a life threatening illness requires a non-medical escort to assist with understanding plan of care and/or treatment options.”*

Ms. Vogt has been advised she is eligible to stay at the Larga boarding home who provides all meal, accommodation and transportation services in Edmonton, should she have difficulty navigating the city. Ms. Vogt can contact the Yellowknife medical travel office toll free at 1-833-669-4115 to confirm her accommodation.

Diane Thom  
Minister of Health and Social Services

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**From:** Rachel Marin  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 9:05 AM  
**To:** Ada Elliott; Chantelle Eagle; Shoshanna Canuel-Kirkwood  
**Cc:** Cate Sills; Robert Collinson  
**Subject:** BF 49087216 - Medical travel denial - SBV

Ada,

New BF for action. Minister would like the Department to review the email below from MLA Martselos. Please draft an email response for the Minister’s consideration on questions below.

This BF is due to our office on February 17. If this response will require additional time, please provide an interim response the Minister can send.

Thanks,  
Elaine for Rachel

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